

REMARKS

Applicants are presently amending their claims in order to further clarify the definition of various aspects of the present invention. Specifically, the subject matter of claim 104 is being incorporated into claim 103; in light thereof, claim 104 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and dependency of claim 105 has been amended.

The election-of-species requirement set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action mailed January 13, 2004, is noted. Applicants respectfully elect Species 7, set forth in the second paragraph on page 3 of this Office Action mailed January 13, 2004. As indicated by the Examiner in the second paragraph on page 3 of the Office Action mailed January 13, 2004, previously considered claims 103-112 read on the elected species. As presently amended, it is respectfully submitted that claims 103 and 105-112 read on the elected species.

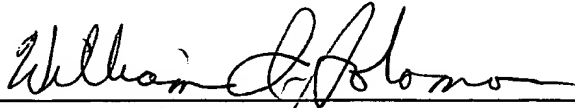
In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments, and examination of the Species 7 claims (claims 103 and 105-112) in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case

No. 501.40724X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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